

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01

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SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2402

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ABIDJAN FOR WEST AFRICAN NEWS BUREAU

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: OPERATION SHABA

REF: KINSHASA 2424

1. BE ADVISED THAT NEWS REPORTS FROM KINSHASA BUREAU OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE HAVE A REPUTATION FOR UNRELIABILITY THAT IS RICHLY DESERVED. ITEM: AFP REPORTED "PANIC IN THE STREETS OF KINSHASA" DURING LAST OCTOBER'S OUTBREAK OF IBOLA (GREEN MONKEY) FEVER IN NORTHEASTERN ZAIRE. ITEM: AFP REPORTED "2,000 DEAD" AS A RESULT OF THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN KIVU PROVINCE IN EASTERN ZAIRE LAST JANUARY. THIS IS BY WAY OF SAYING THAT RUMORS ARE AIRBORNE DURING THE QUIETEST TIMES IN KINSHASA AND DURING TIMES OF STRESS ARE POSITIVELY OFF THE WALL. AFP IS NOTHING IF NOT CONSISTENT AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO LEAP LIKE A TROUT AT A FAIR SHARE OF THEM. WE RECOMMEND VOA WAIT FOR A CONFIRMING SOURCE BEFORE USING AFP STUFF OUT OF HERE.

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2. RE REFTTEL, AS OF 0700Z MAR 18, KOLWEZI REPORTED CALM, NO ACTIVITY REPORTED IN OR AROUND TSHIKAPA.  
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## Message Attributes

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